

Message from the Conference Chairs

Thank you for participating in MVA2007. MVA2007 is sponsored by the MVA Conference Committee, IAPR TC-8, and the Institute of Industrial Science (IIS), The University of Tokyo. We would like to thank them on behalf of the committee. This is the tenth of the MVA series of international meetings. We would like to celebrate its steady expansion with all of you. At MVA2005, the ninth meeting, we changed its name from “IAPR Workshop on Machine Vision Applications” to “IAPR Conference on Machine Vision Applications.” This time, we switched to full-paper submission, aiming for better quality of the research presentation. We had some concerns that this change might lead to fewer submissions. To our relief, however, we had 220 submissions, which is approximately the same as before. Among those, 137 superior papers chosen by double blind review will be presented. We would like to express our great gratitude to the authors for their acceptance of the increased burden, and to the members of the Program Committee, for their contributions in the reviewing process.

Also this time, we were able to welcome three renowned professors as IAPR Invited Speakers. We would like to express our appreciation for Professor Yoichi Miyake, Professor Shree Nayar, and Professor Shmuel Peleg for accepting the invitation to give a presentation as well as writing a full paper, in spite of their busy schedules.

Because this conference is run by a continuing organizing committee, it is possible to have a unique prize: the Most Influential Paper over the Decade Award, which is given for the papers that were presented in the conference 10 years previously and that have proved most influential to the development in the respective area. This time, three papers have been selected from among the papers presented at MVA'96. The papers are shown on the following page. Congratulations. Since the advancement of the area depends on the application of Machine Vision technologies in the real world, we hope to see more of such successes from the papers presented here.

Between the last time and this time, Professor Mikio Takagi, who was the central figure in organizing the past nine meetings, passed away. However, we have renewed our commitment for the continuation of the conference series, with the MVA Organization as the organizing body that succeeds the aspiration of the professor.

We hope this conference will be enjoyable as well as beneficial to all participants. Finally, we would like to conclude by thanking the members of the Conference Committee for their wholehearted work, and the Institute of Industrial Science, The University of Tokyo, for the excellent venue.



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